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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1732

Application No.: 10/627,916

Examiner: A. ORTIZ

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Docket No.: 116124

For: MANUFACTURING DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR
SYNTHETIC RESIN HOLLOW MOLDED BODY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 23, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-11. This election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all groups is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of the elected group would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining group. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which is stated that "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 can be examined without undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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